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## FBIS COVERAGE OF THE MUSLIM WORLD

FBIS' Muslim World coverage enhancement program consists of the following:

1. Augmented staffing of the new Gulf Bureau will provide for increased capability in Soviet vernacular languages. We will have reliable coverage of North and South Yemen, including the two clandestine radios in the region; the Gulf states; southern and western Iranian regionals; and Russian and vernacular broadcasts of up to eleven Soviet Central Asian stations, including as many as seven regional-level radios. Coverage of these Soviet stations will depend on the ability to find qualified monitors with requisite language skills. We will also have improved coverage of the Iraqi domestic service, which cannot be heard well at other bureaus.
2. Plans are well in progress for the immediate establishment of a small unit in Islamabad to record and feed radio broadcasts over international telephone lines to England for processing by the BBC Monitoring Service in Caversham. We will have full coverage of Afghanistan domestic services; coverage of eastern and northern Iranian regional radios; and coverage of as many as six additional Soviet Central Asian stations, including one more regional-level radio.
3. FBIS' presently limited coverage capability against Libyan and Sudanese radios will be expanded by use of remote-controlled receivers either at an antenna site near Paphos, Cyprus, depending on approval of the Cyprus Government, or in the British Sovereign Base Area on Cyprus, depending on approval of the British Government. Programs would be fed to FBIS' Nicosia Bureau for processing. If neither of these is feasible, FBIS has tentative approval to establish a small recording unit in the U.S. Consulate in Alexandria, Egypt. Programs would be fed by telephone lines to Nicosia Bureau.
4. Antennas, receivers and other electronic installations at the Nicosia, Tel Aviv and Jordan bureaus are being improved to insure optimum reception of mediumwave and shortwave broadcasts originating in the Arab countries, Turkey, Iran and the USSR. This effort includes procurement of interference-suppression equipment developed for FBIS by ORD.

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6. London Bureau will issue a daily roundup--presented in a terse, factual format--of major developments in the Middle East and Southwest Asia as reported by the radios of the countries concerned.
7. Coverage at FBIS Headquarters of the publications of the Muslim countries will be enhanced to include scanning of 60 additional publications for selection and translation of material responsive to intelligence requirements and greater in-depth exploitation of the 150 publications covered at present. Coverage of the Soviet Central Asian vernacular press will be expanded from 11 to 35 publications. Additional staff and contract translators are being hired to handle the enhanced coverage.
8. Media analysis will be enhanced to include the output from radio and press sources in Soviet Muslim areas, to provide substantive guidance for FBIS monitoring and processing of media output from Muslim countries and Soviet Muslim areas, and to develop and maintain research files in support of the analytical effort.
9. In order to modernize the Daily Report's information handling capabilities, FBIS will implement plans being developed in association with ORD and ODP for the Communications Center, Wire Service and Middle East/North Africa and Soviet Daily Reports, the components which will be most affected by the increased flow of material on the Muslim World.

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